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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT: MR. ROBERT W. SMART
Chief Counsel, House Committee on Armed Services

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Mr. Dulles called Mr. Robert W. Smart to tell him of his distress over the fact that our people in [] did not make contact with Mr. Smart and Mr. John R. Blanford, Counsel, House Committee on Armed Services, for the purpose of briefing them on CIA activities on their recent visit to [].

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The Director read from a memorandum which he had before him, which detailed the happenings during the [redacted] visit, and explained the reason why the CIA people had not accomplished the planned briefing of Messrs Smart and Blandford. This memo cited the fact that the Air Force officer in charge of the Smart-Blandford visit had indicated that Messrs. Smart and Blandford had a full schedule and had no time available for a CIA briefing.

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Mr. Smart expressed surprise that someone from the Air Force had taken it upon himself to state that Mr. Smart's time was all taken up, and said that this person had undoubtedly assumed an unwarranted responsibility.

The Director said that he had given the persons concerned a "round scolding" and that this incident had given him the occasion to tighten up our procedures with regard to further meetings and briefings of important personages visiting abroad.

Mr. Smart was most appreciative of Mr. Dulles' call; said that the Director should not worry about it; that he was no "prima donna" and that he hoped no disciplinary action would be taken.

Mr. Smart said to simply forget the incident as he understood the circumstances completely, and that there would be another time when he would be visiting abroad and would then avail himself of the opportunity for a briefing.

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